A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The hon. Member presumably refers to the Excise Advisory Committee constituted for the Mannargudi Revenue Division. The Government are not aware that the fact is as suggested. They have called for a report.

Representation of Indian Christians on the South Kanara District Board.

*1912-A Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has been urged by any Indian Christian or Catholic Association League at Mangalore that there should be on the District Board of South Kanara at least three or four persons to represent the Indian Christians having regard to their population as also their progress educationally;

(*b*) whether the present number is only two;

(*c*) whether Government have nominated recently a Hindu lady to fill the vacancy of an Indian Catholic;

(*d*) why she was nominated in preference to Indian Christian ladies who are highly educated and qualified; and

(*e*) how many members of the Bant community to which the lady nominated belongs there are in the District Board?

A.—(*a*) No such representation is traceable.

(*b*) The number of Indian Christians on the South Kanara District Board is at present three.

(*c*) & (*d*) A Hindu lady was appointed in a vacancy previously filled by an Indian Catholic. No vacancy is earmarked for any particular community.

(*e*) Fourteen.

Mr. K. R. KARANT:—" What are the reasons, Sir, for the appointment of a lady when she belongs to a community which has got fourteen members already represented on the Board?"

Medical

Action taken on Dr. Norman Walker's recommendations regarding Vizagapatam Medical College.

*1913 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount so far spent by the Government on the Vizagapatam Medical College;

(*b*) the annual expenditure to Government on account of this institution;

(*c*) whether the degrees awarded by this institution are recognized by the General Medical Council of Great Britain;

(*d*) what are the defects in this institution pointed out by Dr. Norman Walker; and

(*e*) whether the Government have made an estimate of the probable initial and recurring expenditure required to carry out Dr. Norman Walker's recommendations and if so, what it is?